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“SEALING DEVICE FOR A SLACK ADJUSTER”

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before substantive examination of the present application, entry of the present Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Charge or credit Deposit Account 13-3080 with any shortage or overpayment of any fees required for this communication.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.